

- 343 room, the number depending upon the economic
 352 status of the family. They are rarely used except
 to seat visitors. Tin trunks or wooden chests are
 usually found for storage of clothing. Clothing
 may also be hung on a pole extending from front
 to back wall. A sewing machine is a fairly com-
 mon item of equipment. Rather rarely, the room
 will contain a wooden bedstead; this again is used

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FIGURE 15.—Fire hearth of stones. a, Space for pots; b, space for comal.

only for guests, when mats are spread over the bed. In emergencies, the room may also be used for the storage of harvests. A portion of the veranda may also be boarded for this purpose. The second floor is customarily used to store maize on the cob.

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